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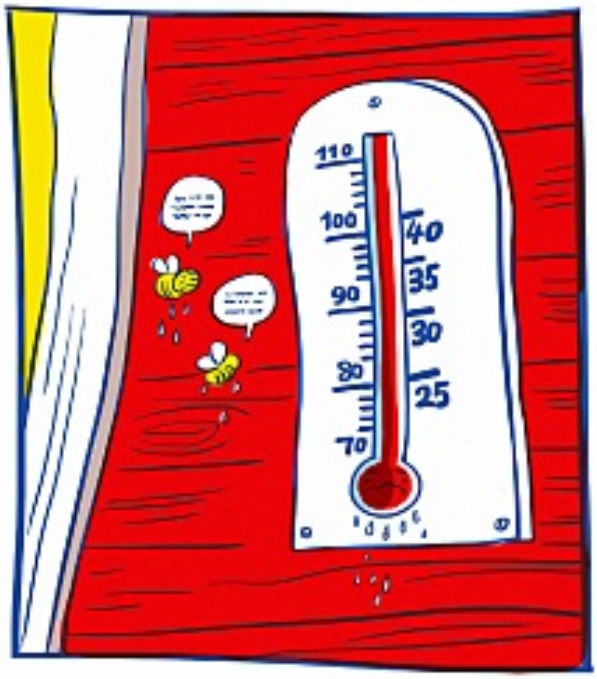
THE HEAT WAVE COVERED THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE...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...EVERYTHING WAS DRY.
CROAK!
CROAK?

EVEN WITH THE OPEN WINDOWS AT MISS LANGTREE'S SCHOOL, THERE IS NO FRESH AIR.

THE KIDS SWEAT IN THEIR WARM FUR COATS...
...EXCEPT FOR THOSE, OF COURSE, WHO WERE RAISED IN MUCH HOTTER PLACES...
CHILDREN, TODAY WE'RE GONNA... OH DASH IT! TOO... HOT...
ICE! ICE!
AT LAST!
COME ON KIDS! WE'LL REFILL OUR ICEBOX!

Jackson's Ice
HOWDIE, MISS LANGTREE, KIDS! A BIT WARM TODAY, EH?
YOU'RE TELLING ME!

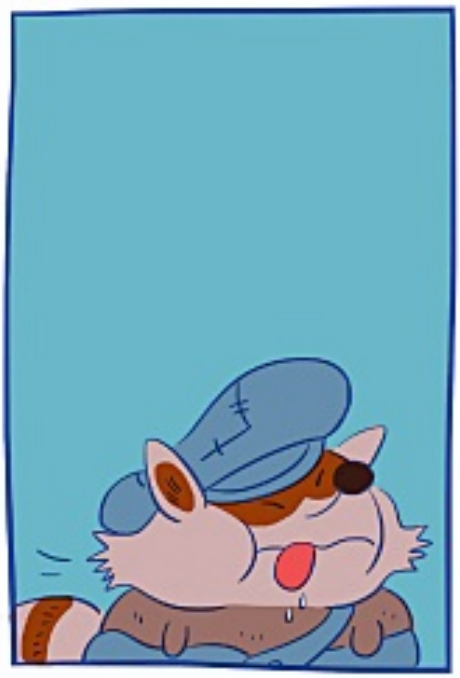
WE'D LIKE THE BIGGEST, THE RIMIEST ICEBERG-BIT YOU HAVE FOR OUR ICE-BOX!

AT YOUR SERVICE, MA'AM!

FLUSH!

WELL, KIDS, I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE OUR ROOT BEER WARM... LET'S GO BACK TO CLASSES...
YUCK!
YUCK!
YUCK!
YUCK!
HMMMM

BEH!

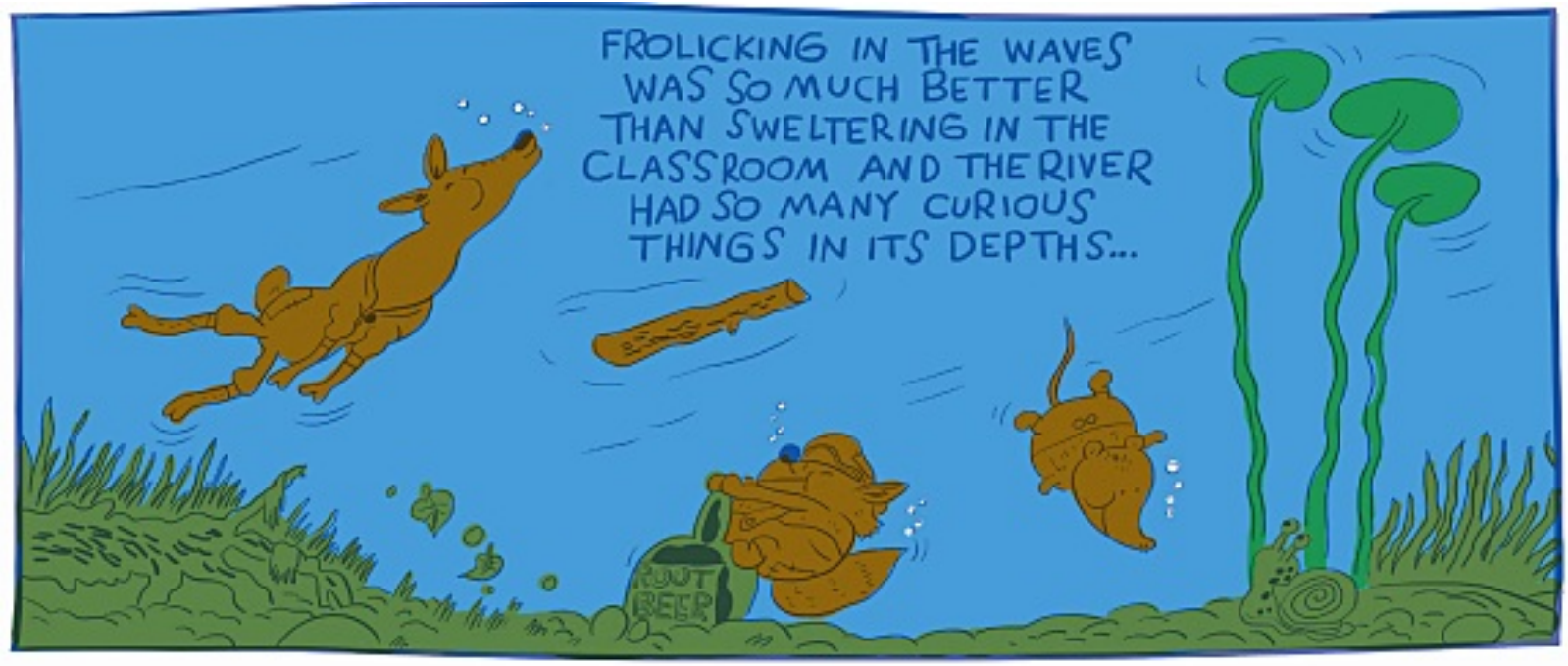


THE RIVER TEMPTED HER STUDENTS, IT WAS THEIR LAST SOURCE OF FRESHNESS ON SUCH A DAY.

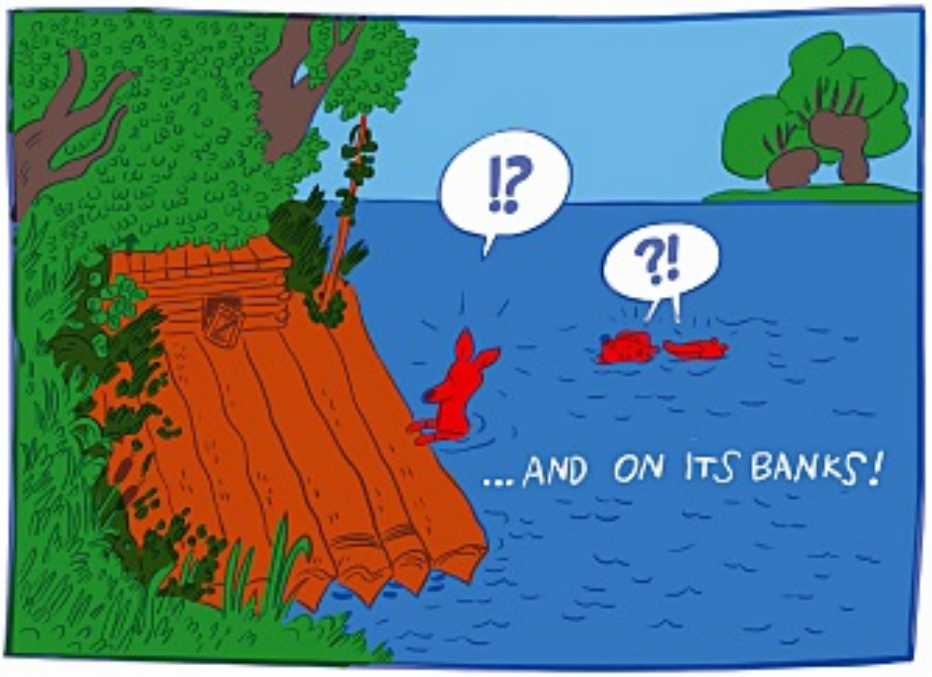
SO THE THREE VARMINTS DECIDED TO CUT SCHOOL.

EEEK!

SPLISH! SPLASH!


FROLICKING IN THE WAVES WAS SO MUCH BETTER THAN SWELTERING IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE RIVER HAD SO MANY CURIOUS THINGS IN ITS DEPTHS...
ROOT BEER

PCHHEWWWSH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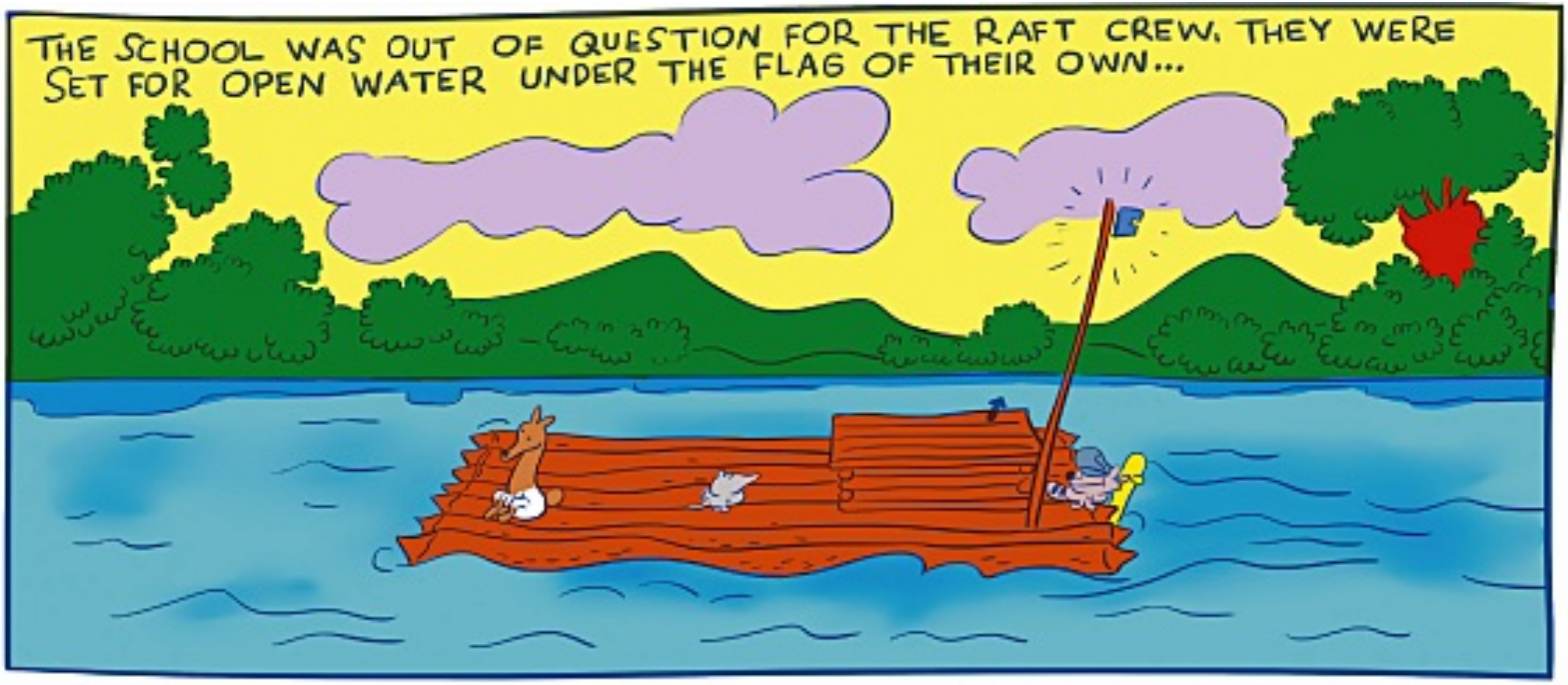
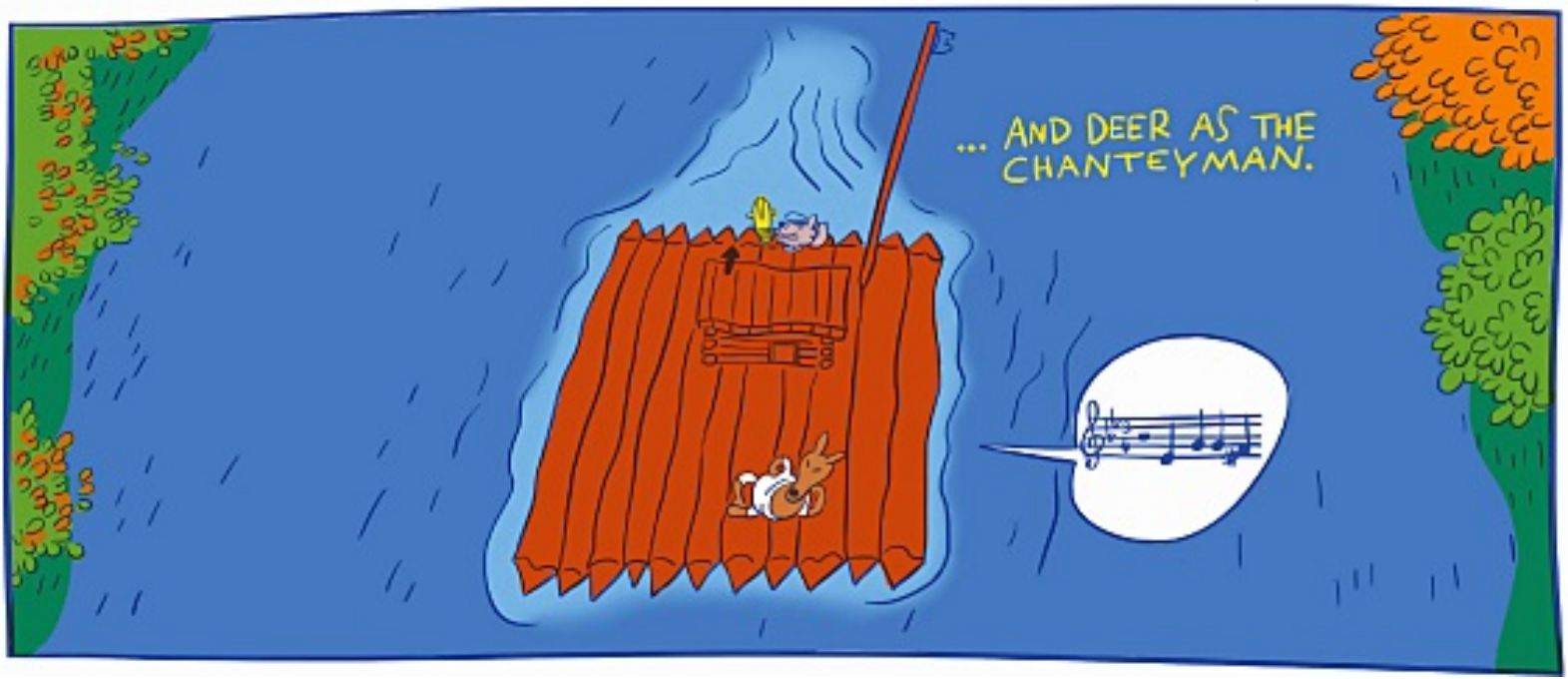
...AND ON ITS BANKS!

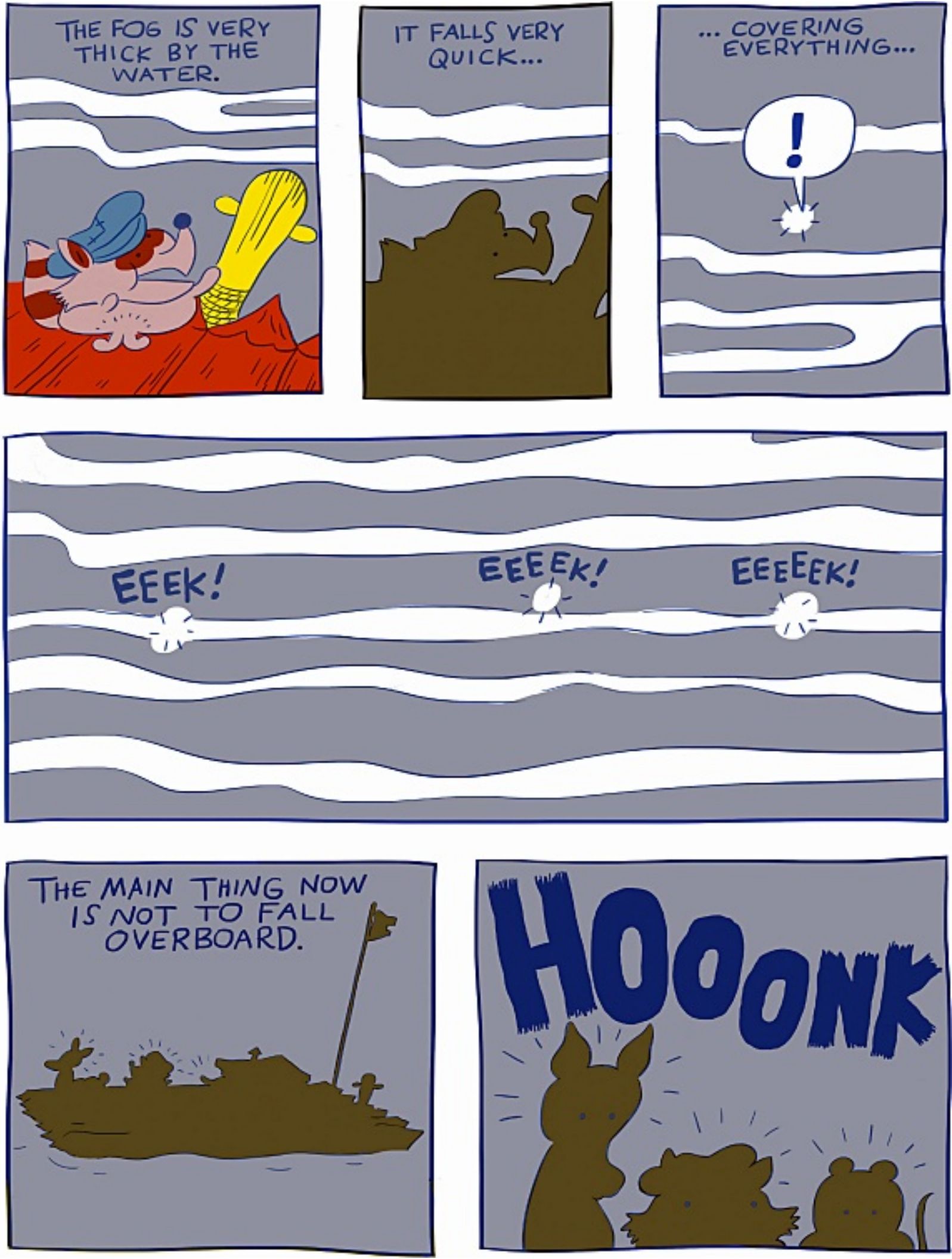
SCRRRATCH
FOR ONE, AN OLD TIMBER RAFT, SUNK INTO THE SILT YEARS AGO...


THE SCHOOL WAS OUT OF QUESTION FOR THE RAFT CREW. THEY WERE SET FOR OPEN WATER UNDER THE FLAG OF THEIR OWN...

WITH RACCOON AS THE STEERSMAN...

...OPOSSUM AS THE RIVER-COOK...

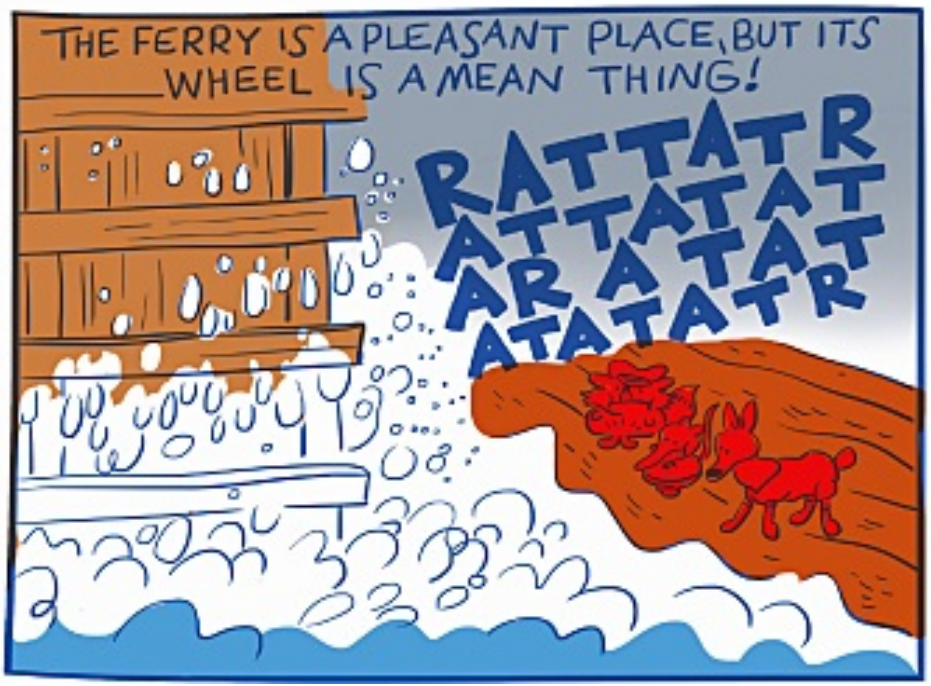

... AND DEER AS THE CHANTEYMAN.


THE FOG IS VERY THICK BY THE WATER.
IT FALLS VERY QUICK...
... COVERING EVERYTHING...
!
EEEK!
EEEEEK!
EEEEEEK!
THE MAIN THING NOW IS NOT TO FALL OVERBOARD.
HOOONK

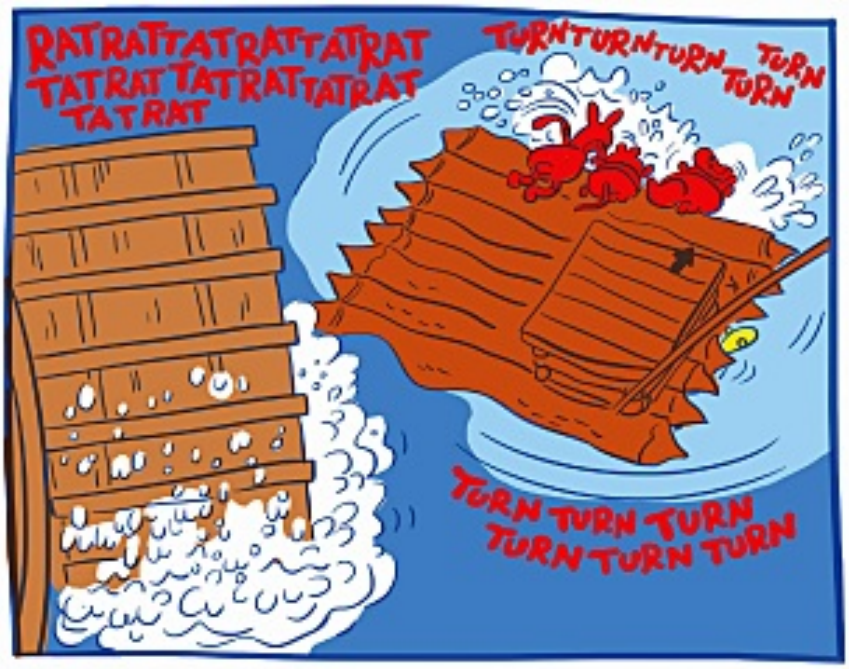
THE FOG REVEALS THE SOURCE OF THE HONK: THE FAMOUS FROG FERRY ON ITS DAILY ROUTE.
EEEK!

CROAK!
CROAK
CROAK!
CROAK!
CROAK! CROAK!
CROAK!

CROAK! CROAK!
CROAK!
CROAK!


THE FERRY IS A PLEASANT PLACE, BUT ITS WHEEL IS A MEAN THING!
RATTATR ATTATAT ARATAT ATATATR

THE STEERSMAN IS, LUCKILY, NO SLOUCH...
EEEK!


RATRATTATRATTATRAT TATRAT TATRATTATRAT TATRAT
TURNTURNTURN TURN TURN
TURN TURN TURN TURN TURN TURN

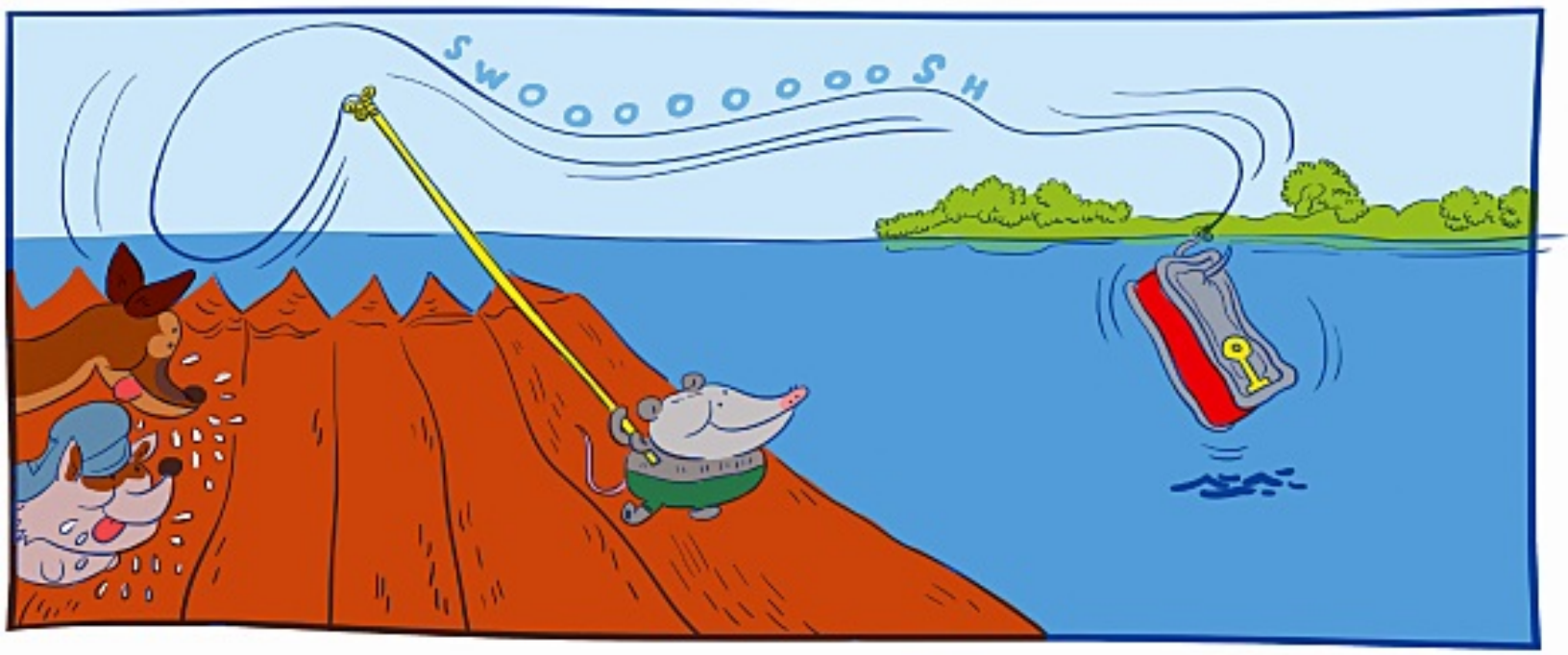
...AND THE CREW IS SAFE AGAIN!
WHEW!
PHEW!
THEW!
HONK HONK

NOW THE TIME FOR THE EATS COMES...
HUNNGRRR

...AND LUNCH'S THE COOK'S BUSINESS.
EKEKEKEKEK!

LUNCH ABOARD IS FRESH FISH RIGHT OUT OF THE WATER.

CAUGHT WITH A CAN OF SPAM.
CHPOCK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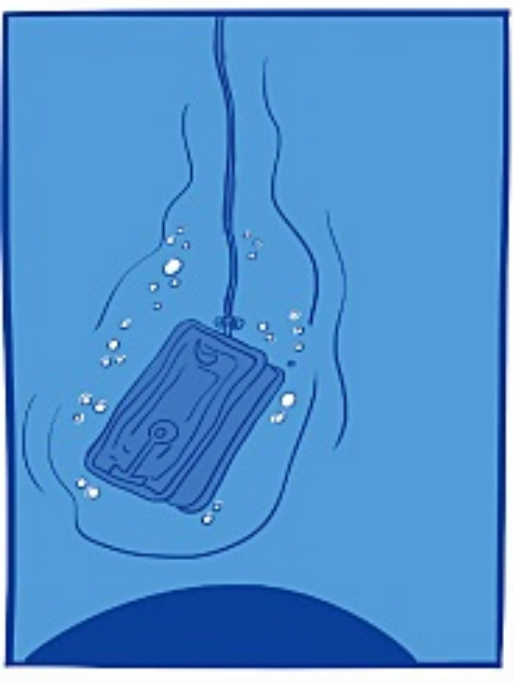
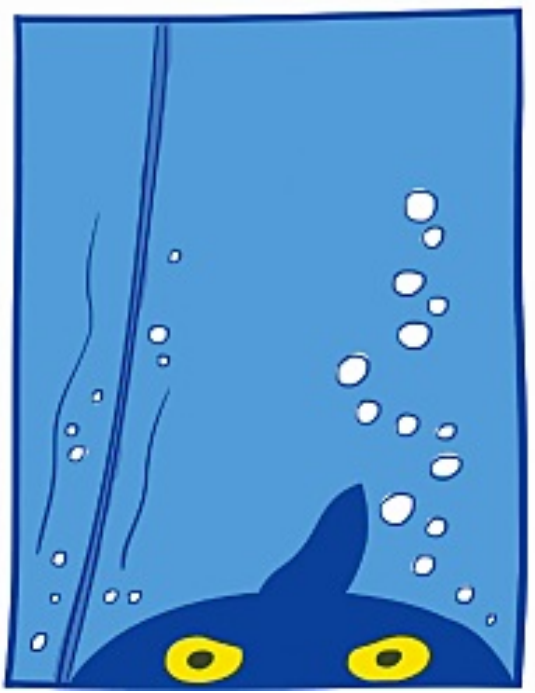
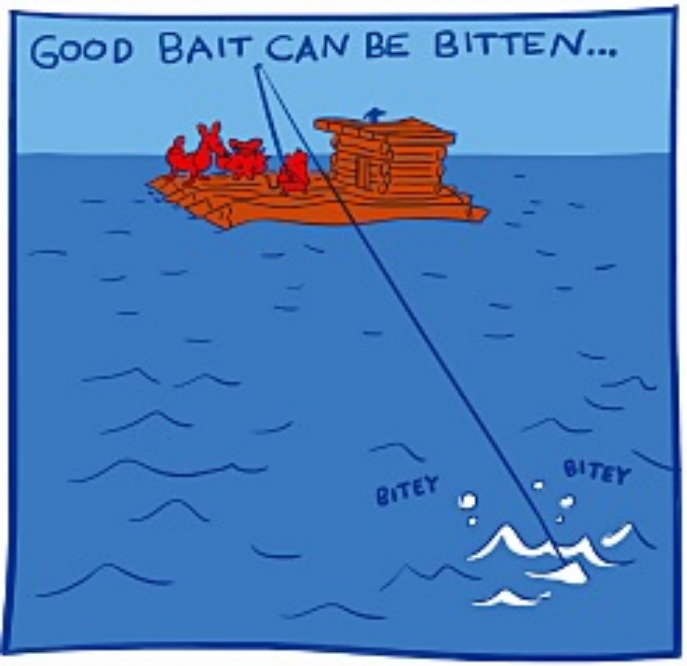


BONG!



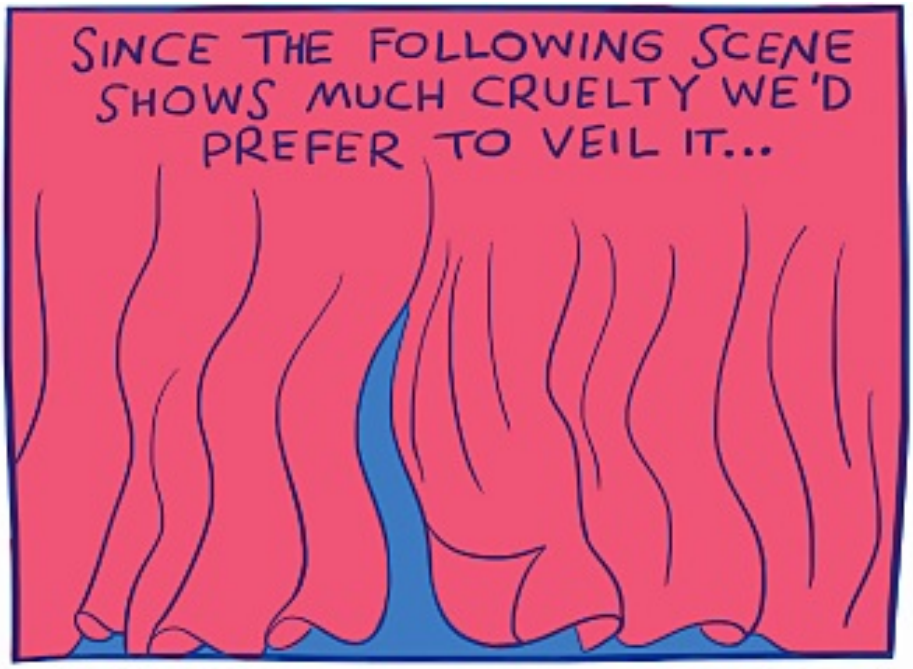

GOOD BAIT CAN BE BITTEN...
BITEY
BITEY

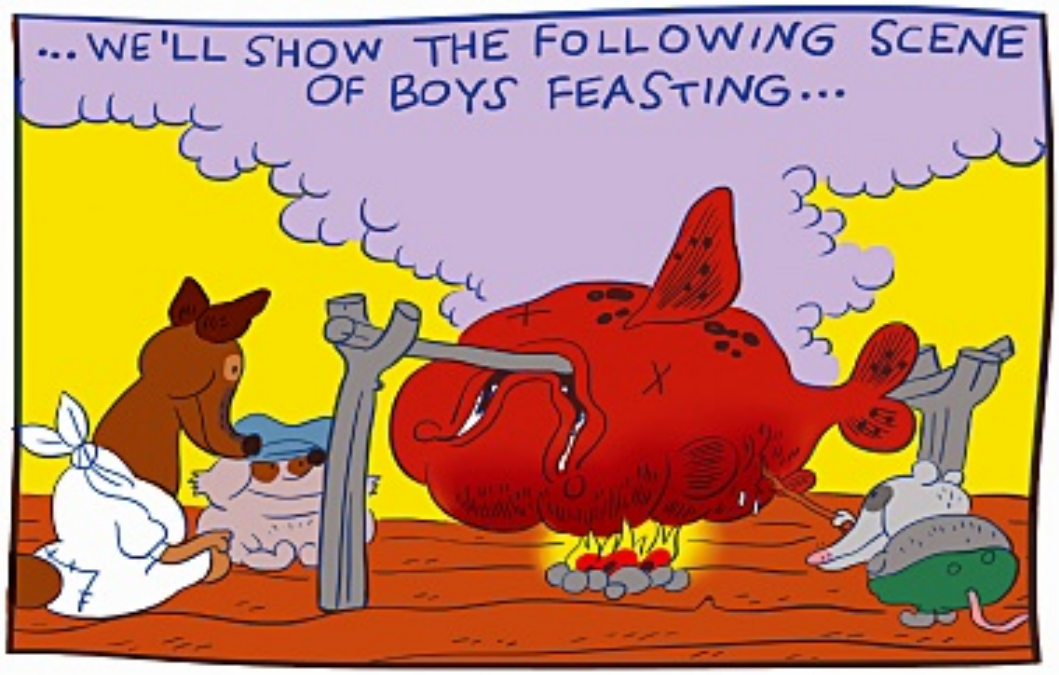
TWANNGGG
H'MPH H PHHH MPH
?!
!?

...BY NOT-SO-GOOD FISH LIKE THE
GIANT MINNOW!

WHERE A CAN OF SPAM IS JUST A STARTER BEFORE THE MAIN COURSE.

EEEK!
EEEEK!
EEEK!


SINCE THE FOLLOWING SCENE SHOWS MUCH CRUELTY WE'D PREFER TO VEIL IT...


...WE'LL SHOW THE FOLLOWING SCENE OF BOYS FEASTING...

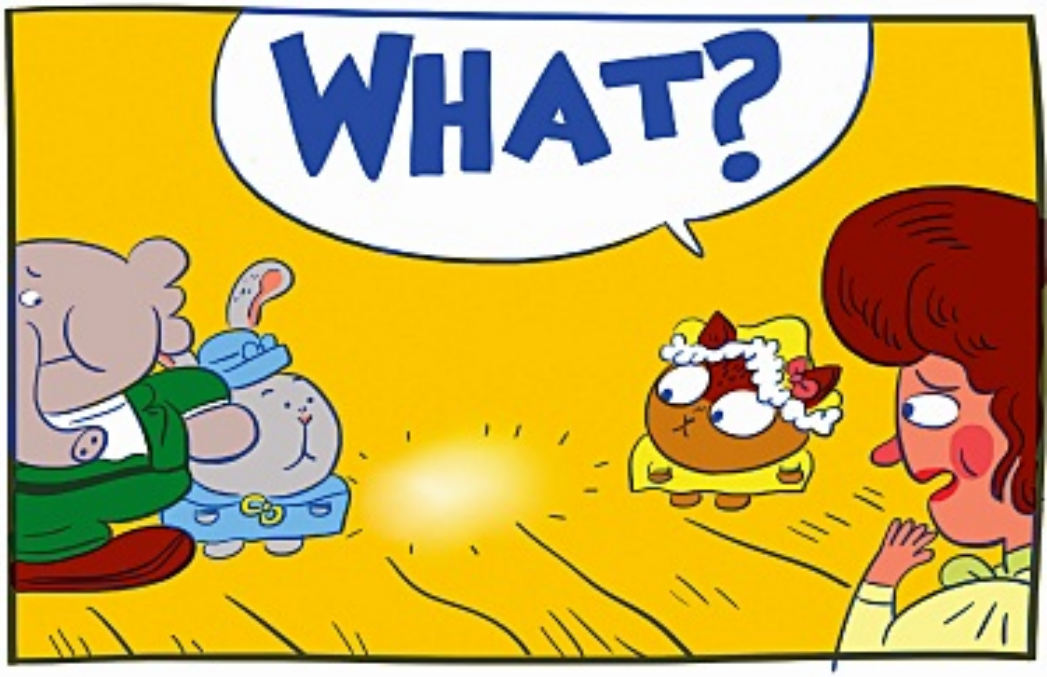
...ON THEIR TROPHY
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOM
CHOMP
CHOMP

THE HEARTY LUNCH IS FOLLOWED BY A WELL-EARNED NAP...
Hic!
Hic!
Hic!

...AND SOME OLD RIVER-CHANTIES.

COME ON KIDS... LET'S HAVE SOME POTATOES...
MEANWHILE AT THE SCHOOL...
DING! DONG!

LET ME COUNT YOU BEFORE...


WHAT?

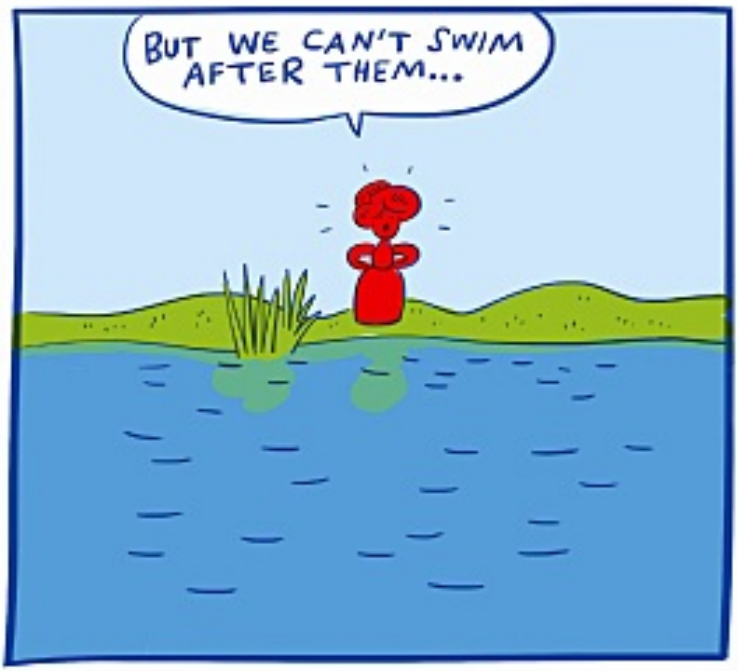
THE SAME OLD STORY! THAT TROUBLE-SOME TRIO AGAIN!

TO THE RIVER, OF COURSE!

OH MY, OH MY! THEY'VE PRO'BLY FOUND THAT OLD CIVIL WAR RAFT! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A CALAMITY!

OH I'LL TEACH THOSE BOYS A THING OR TWO AT LAST! AFTER I FIND THEM, OF COURSE.

KIDS! NO CLASSES TODAY. WE'RE ALL GOING FOR A SAVING EXPEDITION!


BUT WE CAN'T SWIM AFTER THEM...

...SOME OF US ARE NOT FOND OF WATER...
HISHHHHH

SUR'LY, SUR'LY, MISSIE, YE MAY BORROW ME OLD BOAT...
OH THANK YOU, THANK YOU A THOUSAND TIMES!

DON'T LET YER LI'L' FOLK SMIRCH THE TIMBERS!
DO NOT WORRY, MR. BOAT-SWAIN!

NOW, KIDS, YOU ALL TAKE THE OARS!

OH, POOREE, METHINKS YOU'D BETTER FOLLOW US SWIMMING, IF YOU DON'T MIND IT!
TOOOT

HUP-TWO! HUP-TWO! KIDS, YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW SOME CHANTIES?
MEOW

THEY TRAVELED THROUGH THE SWAMPED STREAMS...

...CROSSING THE RAPIDS...
EAS-S-S-SY. K-K-KIDS! EAS-S-SY!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

THOUGH THEY WERE HINDERED AT TIMES...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
HUP-TWO!
HUP-TWO!

...AND CHOSE THE WRONG ROUTE OCCASIONALLY...
BACKWATER!

...THEY FINALLY GOT ON THE RIGHT PATH!
CROAK! CROAK!
THANK YOU!

WHILE THE BOYS SAT IN THE SUN THEIR RAFT WAS OBSERVED BY FOUR PAIRS OF HUNGRY EYES...
HOLY MOLLY THE MACKREL!

HUNGRY EYES SUNK IN HUNGRY FACES OF THE SWEETWATER PIRATES RIVER ROBBING GANG! THIS DANGEROUS ELUSIVE PACK HAD ALWAYS MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE LAW
ARRGH!
WANTED
STRAWHAT SAM
WANTED
FOUR-EYED FREDERICKSON
WANTED
ROSYCHEEKS CHUCK
WANTED
BACCY BERNARD
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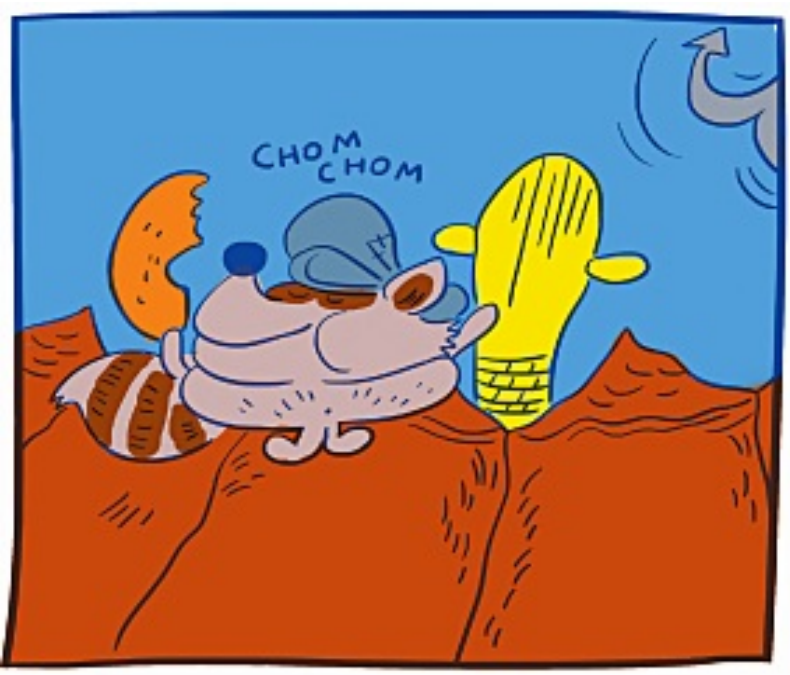
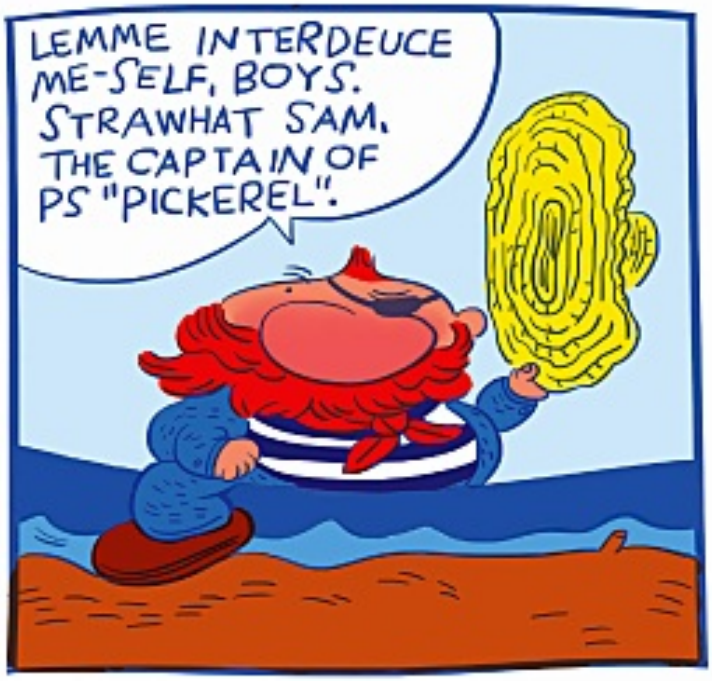
TH' LOOT AT LAST! THEY'RE SO YOUN' AN' PLUMPY! I'AVEN'T TAST'D VENISON FER AGES!
LOOK AT THAT RACCOON! THAT'S NOT ONLY MEAT, BUT A COON-SKIN CAP TOO!
HAWE YE EWER TRIED THE POSSUM POTTAGE?
YE FOOLS! WE WON'T EAT 'EM! WE'LL TAKE THE RANSOM FOR 'EM!


CHOM CHOM

EEEK!
CHOP

AT 'EM, HEARTIES! RESIST'S VAIN, SWEETIES!

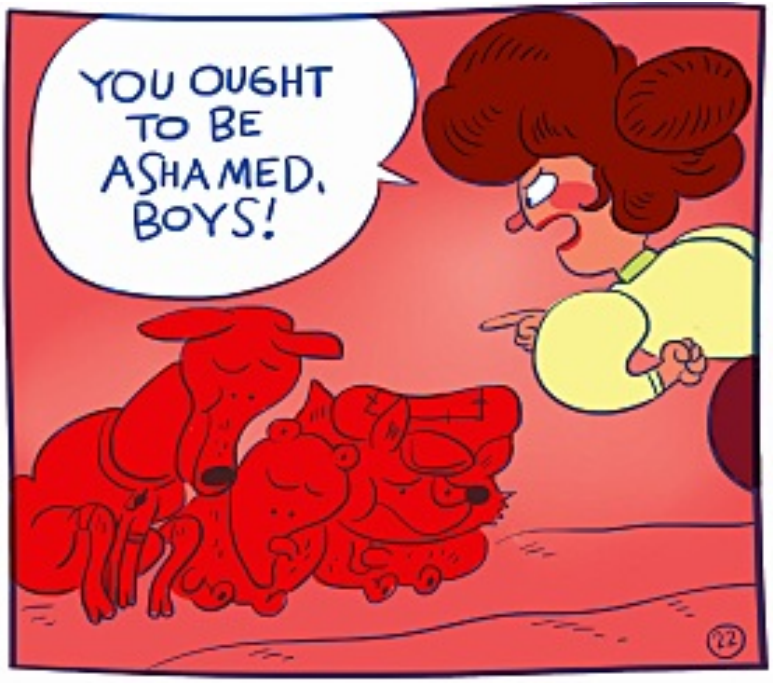

LEMME INTERDEUCE ME-SELF, BOYS. STRAWHAT SAM, THE CAPTAIN OF PS "PICKEREL".

THE DROWSY BOYS ARE EASY CAPTIVES...

HEHEHEHE. A NICE RAFT YE 'AVE. AN' WHERE'RE YER OL' FOLKS?
SIR. ARE YE SURE WE'LL GET RANSOM FOR 'EM?
HMMMM. I'D ASK STRAIGHT OUT...
TEHEHE. HELLO, ME BOY. 'OW YE DOIN?
TELL ME. ME BOY, DO YER OL'FOLKS 'AVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE RANSOM?
CHOM
OW
OW
OW
ME NOSE! ME NOSE! ME BEAUTIFUL PLUM-COLORED NOSE!

ENOUGH!
KNOCK 'EM OFF!
BUB
BUB BUB BUB
BUB BUB
BUB BUB
TOTHOOOWT
?!
W-W-WHAT'S TH-H-HAT?
THE UGLIEST MERMAID I'VE SEEN!
ALL OVER-BOARD!
LET'S NEVER ROB ANYMORE!
MOMMY...
OF COURSE IT WAS NOT AN UGLY MERMAID, BUT JUST POOREE THE ELEPHANT...
THOOT!

THANK YOU!
BOW!

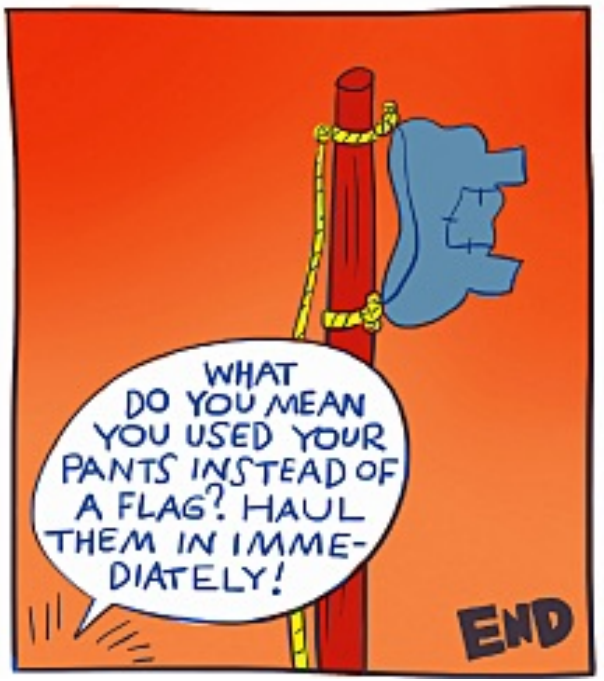

YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED, BOYS!

YOU NOT ONLY SKIPPED CLASS. BUT ALSO HIGH-JACKED THIS CIVIL WAR RAFT!
DID YOU THINK OF HOW DANGEROUS IT COULD BE?

YOU HAVE A STERN PUNISHMENT AHEAD OF YOU!

BUT I THINK WE COULD ADD RAFTING TO OUR P.E. LESSONS FROM NOW ON...

SO THE LONG DAY IS AT ITS END...


WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU USED YOUR PANTS INSTEAD OF A FLAG? HAUL THEM IN IMMEDIATELY!
END

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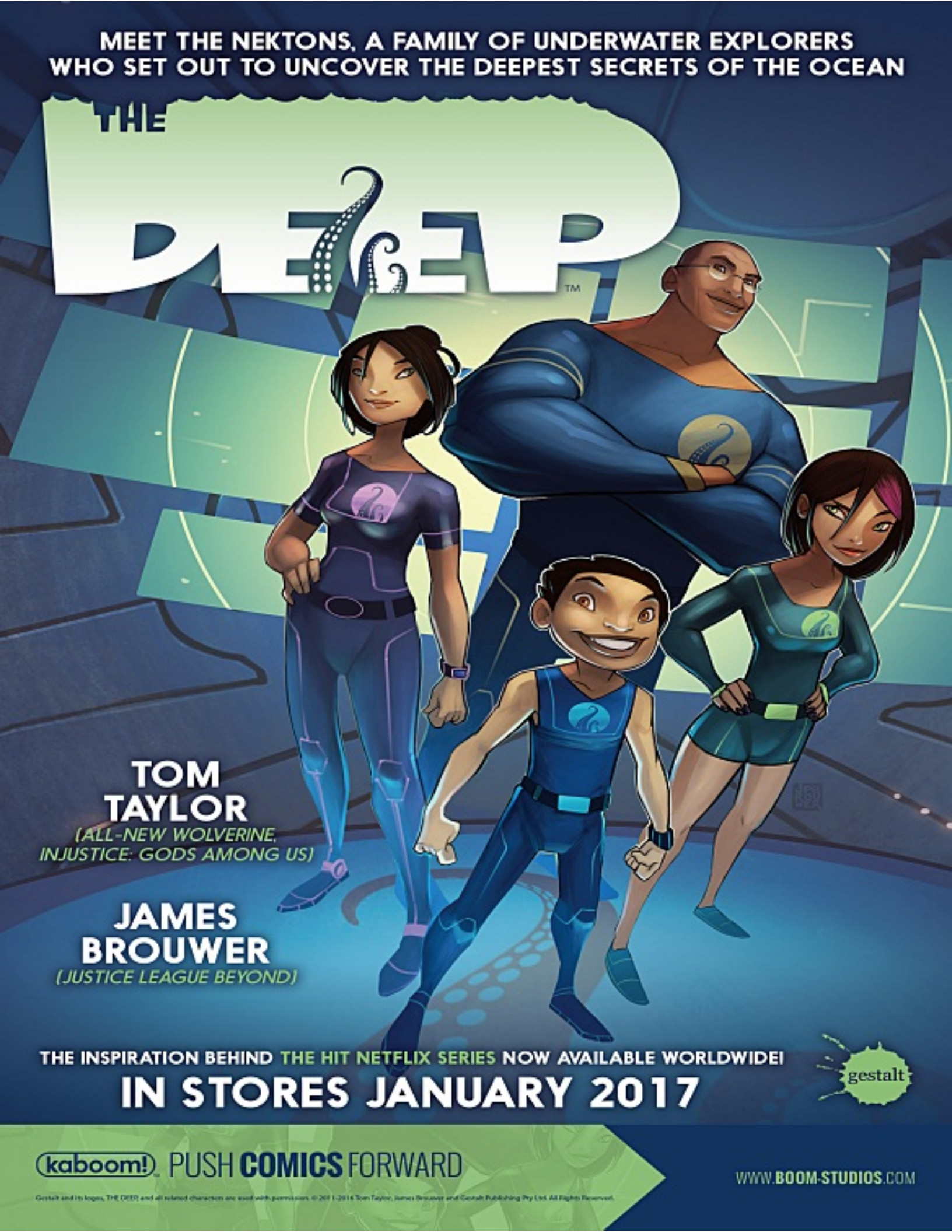

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